Creation of prominent sinking fund

1759. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission propose the creation of a prominent sinking fund from part of the disinvestments proceeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Monitoring of economic reforms

1760. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission proposes to set up a steering group which will monitor the implementation of economic reforms proposed in the Tenth Plan document;

(b) if so, whether the monitoring would be Ministry-wise;

(c) whether the Planning Commission would ask the Ministries to outline their approach and set deadlines for achieving this; and

(d) if so, to what extent it would be helpful in monitoring the reforms in each sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

Poverty alleviation programme in Andhra Pradesh

1761.SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission had sponsored an evaluation study on poverty alleviation programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the districts selected for the study and the criteria for the selection;

(c) the findings of the study;

(d) whether it is also a fact that banks were found to be indifferent to in providing credit to the poorest of the poor;

(e) if so, the number of beneficiaries who could not get the credit in sample districts; and

(f) how the Planning Commission proposes to overcome the problem of institutional lending to the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir, the Planning Commission has granted a study titled' Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Andhra Pradesh—An Assessment' to the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad.

(b) The three districts selected for the study Nalgonda, Anantapur and Vizianagaram represent the medium developed districts of each of the three geographical regions namely Coastal Andhra, Telangana and Rayalaseema.

(c) to (f) The Final Report of the Study has not been received in the Planning Commission.

Creation of Jobs in Tenth Plan

1762. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether Government proposed to create five crore additional jobs during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that seventy per cent of population depends on agriculture and there is scarcity of land while two per cent of the population in U.S.A. depends on agriculture and where there is abundant land; and